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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: USNATO 1271

1. IN PARA 2 OF USNATO 1271, WE OUTLINED ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH NATO BASES ITS DATA. WE STATED QUOTE BERLIN IS NOT CONSIDERED PART OF NATO GUIDELINES AREA (NGA) END QUOTE. THIS STATEMENT NEEDS FURTHER AMPLIFICATION.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, NATO CONSIDERS BERLIN GEOGRAPHICALLY AS PART OF NGA. HOWEVER, ALLIED MILITARY FORCES IN BERLIN ARE NOT CONSIDERED (AT LEAST BY UK) AS FORCES WHICH SHOULD BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLIED GROUND FORCES
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IN NGA. IN UK VIEW, BERLIN FORCES ARE NOT RELEVANT TO STRATEGIC BALANCE.

3. MILSTAM-31-73 (REVISED) COMPARES LATEST ESTIMATES REPORTED

TO NATO BY OUR ALLIES ON THEIR GROUND FORCES IN NGA WITH US ESTIMATES AND ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE ESTIMATES. IN THE MILSTAM, IN ORDER TO MAKE NATO ESTIMATES COMPARABLE WITH US ESTIMATES, NATO INCLUDED IN ITS ESTIMATES BERLIN FORCES FOR FRANCE, UK, AND US.

4. IF BERLIN FORCES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN NATO ESTIMATES OF GROUND MANPOWER IN NGA, CURRENT NATO ESTIMATE OF 803,000 IN MILSTAM-31-73 (REVISED) WOULD BE REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 9,600 MEN FOR A NEW TOTAL OF ROUGHTLY 793,000.
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